GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. Bill Gates of USA had donated money to the country to carry out the research work on the remedial measures of AIDS; and

(b) if so, the amount of money received and the manner in which it is proposed to be utilized?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Mr. Bill Gates of USA has announced a financial package of assistance for India of up to Rs.500 crores to fight HIV/AIDS in India, addressing primarily the mobile populations.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have sought time to forward to India a draft Memorandum of Understanding for our consideration. The institutional arrangements and modalities of co-operation, mutual obligations and responsibilities have yet to be spelt out.

Government of India, has not received any funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation